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Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, cosigned by 21 of your colleagues, recommending that he decline Chinese Premier Li Peng's request for a bilateral meeting in conjunction with the United Nations Security Council Summit.

We appreciate being advised to your recommendation that human rights conditions in China improve prior to scheduling such a meeting. Please know that I have shared your comments with President Bush. In addition, I have provided copies of your letter to the President's national security and foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your interest.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
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